



Flag Flying Dates

13th: King's Birthday Parade (Trooping of the Colour)

21st: Birthday of the Prince of Wales

HALAM NEWS

June 2026

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Bin Collection Dates

Green (Mon): 1st, 15th, 29th

Brown (Fri): 5th, 19th

Silver (Mon): 8th, 22nd

Teal (Tues): 9th



Parish Pump



Bags 2 School: Tuesday 9th June

The next Halam School "Bags to School" collection will take place on Tuesday 9th June. Please donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' & children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags & soft toys, (please refer to www.bag2school.com for full details of what can & cannot be donated). Bags have to be left outside the school office (under the entrance shelter if raining) before 9am on the day. If you can't drop on the day, please contact Gemma Bust (07813 923575) to arrange to drop your bag.

Halam WI

At our May meeting, Halam Women's Institute marked a very special milestone as our members came together to celebrate our 70th birthday. It was a very special evening filled with fun, laughter and plenty of dancing with Jo Porter from Kitchen Dancing UK who led us through some great routines set to music from the past seven decades. We even had the opportunity to turn the lights down and switch on the disco lights...not your usual Tuesday evening in Halam! We had a beautifully decorated celebration cake and a glass of fizz while members enjoyed sharing memories and the opportunity to look through photographs and other mementos from our 70-year history.



At our June meeting (Tues 2nd June), we will be trying our hand at painting with a masterclass from Gemma at Thistle & Sketch.

If you would like to know more about Halam WI, please do follow us on social media @HalamWI or send us an email halamvillagewi@gmail.com.

Grange Cottage Farm Shop - Now Open

Grange Cottage Farm Shop is now open on Radley Road, Halam every Tuesday - Sunday 9am - 5pm - offering coffee, cakes, ice creams, cold drinks and the usual fruit and veg, plus more. Pizza Wednesdays will be back from 27th May at 4.30pm and every Wednesday going forward. Bring a drink and sit in the garden, enjoy the peace and tranquility. I would also just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported us for our first couple of weeks of opening - it's been amazing. If there is something you would like to see on sale in the farm shop please get in touch and we will see what we can do. Thank you, Mark & Steph, 07710 692443

Good bonfire guidelines – from the District Council Website

If you are going to have a bonfire, the first thing to do is to warn your neighbours - they are much less likely to complain about it if you do. Then follow these guidelines to avoid causing a serious nuisance:

- only burn dry material
- never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint
- never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light the fire or to encourage it
- avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evening, if it is windy, smoke may be blown into neighbour's gardens and across roads
- avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens
- avoid burning when the air quality in your area is "poor" or "very poor"
- never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder - douse it with water if necessary.

Thank you! **Halam Parish Council**



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Halam's East Midlands in Bloom Competition Entry

"East Midlands in Bloom" was established over 35 years ago and is one of 15 regions that are part of the national RHS "Britain in Bloom" campaign. EMIB has a dedicated team of volunteers who are experienced in horticulture and working with communities. They give their time voluntarily to provide support, advice and undertake judging. Participating communities are asked to focus their initiatives around RHS Britain in Bloom's three core pillars of:

A Horticultural Achievement B Environmental Responsibility &
C Community Participation

Competitors are encouraged to promote these aspects throughout the year, culminating in the regional judging period which is always the first 2 weeks in July; for us this year it will be Thursday 9th July. The Judging is undertaken using a Standard Marking Sheet, the percentage of marks for each section being; Horticulture 40%, Environment 30%, and Community 30%. In September, the Regional Presentation of Awards takes place where representatives of all Bloom entrants are invited to receive their awards.

Halam has entered the 'Small Village' Category; within this we can nominate a 'Front Garden' for a 'Floral Award' so if you would like your garden judged for an award, either Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver, Bronze or Certificate of Achievement, please send your details to us at the email address below as soon as possible. You will need to be available for the judge to view the garden on Thursday 9th July. There's a deadline of Friday 12th June to receive nominations please, so that we can select the garden to be judged and arrange for the entry form to be completed.

If you have 'before' and 'after' photographs of gardens, preparing allotments, churchyard tidying, planting for biodiversity, or to create and improve habitats and the environment, please send them with a note/caption and date, or the address of the garden, to bloominghalam@outlook.com

We would also welcome brief comments about your planting, what you are trying to create, the pleasure the gardens give you and why. Because they can't be individually visited, we'd like to include photographs and information in the portfolio to show the variety of gardens, small and large, that we have in the village. There's a deadline of Friday 12th June for receiving these please.

Finally, to show off our village and put the finishing touches to it before the judging, we'd like to get your help please; just to tidy your front garden, put your best flowerpots out, or weed and tidy the footpath by your house, but be safe, and feel free to send us 'progress shots' if you're happy for us to use in the portfolio.

Judging will be on Thursday 9th July. If you'd like to help, please let us know. Thank you to everyone, we appreciate it! **Halam Parish Council**

Farnsfield Walk for Parkinson's

This year's Farnsfield Walk for Parkinson's was held on April 25th and resulted in 129 walkers taking part, the highest number ever and most importantly raised the total amount of £5,270 the highest amount ever for the charity. This is the sixth year of the walk and over £28,000 has been raised in this time.

The 8.3 mile walk started at The Plough, Farnsfield with refreshment stops held at Norwood Park Golf Club where a light BBQ meal was provided followed by a stop at The Old Reindeer, Edingley before returning to The Plough. As well as funds raised by walkers collections were contributed on the day and donations were received through JustGiving. The funds were also boosted by a successful raffle with 17 prizes donated by local businesses to which we are extremely grateful to. Thanks also go to Farnsfield Trust for their support, to Mark Tomlinson who gained a £500 donation match funded by Lloyds Bank and to Sarah Vardy from PIB Community Trust who donated £600. John Butler a Farnsfield resident planned the walk supported by a small but dedicated team of volunteers. Special thanks also go out to Katie and Hannah from Parkinson's UK, to William Brown from Southwell Rotary Club and his team, to Linney Print and Unwin Print and also to the golf club and the pubs for their help and hospitality.

This annual event is held to encourage people to get together and enjoy the outdoors whilst raising funds for Parkinson's UK as they endeavour to support people living with this condition. We hope to see all this year's walkers return next year and hopefully some new participants when we will continue to support the fight against this debilitating disease. **Bruce McDowall**

Music at Halam Court

The programme continues on the last day of May, Sunday 31. This is to be an organ recital including popular works by Bach and Mozart among others, to be given by the (fairly) new Director of Music at St Mary's Parish Church, Nottingham, Peter Davis. Peter brings a delightful and warm attitude to his music-making, and to his encouragement of others, and to meet him and listen to him on Sunday will be a delight. Please note this particular concert will commence at 2.30 p.m., not the usual 3.00pm. This is so Peter can get back to St Mary's without too much of a rush, for his Sunday evening duties. Then, on 21 June, at the usual 3.00 p.m., comes the equally charismatic Richard Hodges, until recently Head of Music of Derby University, in a programme of music intriguingly entitled: "A Romantic Odyssey from Bach-Busoni to John Ireland. (continued on next page...)



EAST MIDLANDS

The piano is a concert Steinway grand, and Richard will make it thunder one moment, sing sweetly the next, with a little bit inbetween. Both concerts take place at Halam Court, halfway up Back Lane, with entrance at the rear of the premises. Admission is free and we supply light refreshments to accompany the music. All are most welcome. Any further details from David Butterworth on 07850 833890.

Looking forward to the end of the series, there will be organ recitals on 5th and 19th July. David Butterworth closes the season on the 19th, and the 5th will see the first public recital by Ascend and Christine Jiang, both successful Grade-8ers on both piano and organ, and looking forward to a bright future in the musical world.



Halam School News



On 6th May, our Worship Leaders attended a course ran by the Diocese, aimed at developing our leaders' roles within school worship sessions. The theme was based on 'Welcome' – Kara, Jonny, Florence and Jacob attended with Mrs Sissons and thoroughly enjoyed contributing to the sessions. They came back with lots of ideas to incorporate within and improve our daily worship. The week beginning 14th May meant SATs were upon us once more. Our Year 6 children worked very hard in their preparations for the national tests and tried their very best. They were rewarded on Friday (along with the rest of the school too!) with an 'Ice Cream Van Visit', in the morning, followed by a very exciting 'Colour Run' event, in the afternoon, both of which were organised by our fabulous PTFA. Oak Class visited the Veolia Materials Recovery Facility on Tuesday 19th May. This is the place where all of our dust bin rubbish goes before being processed for recycling and going on to the next part of its journey. It was fascinating to tour the facility and see our paper, cardboard, plastics and metals being sorted.



St Michael the Archangel



June, the first month of summer, is a time when people sometimes think about spending time visiting family or places. Anyone who is visiting Halam or the surrounding area are welcome to come to any of the church services, there is a variety of styles of service throughout the month, something for everyone.

After the Annual Parochial Church meeting your churchwardens for the next year are Penni Wells and Briony Dickinson who will work alongside Rev. Mary Foden Currie and other licenced ministers to ensure that St. Michael's continues to serve everyone in the village and those who attend services from further afield. Contact details are below if you have any questions. Thank you for all your support.

June services everyone welcome.

7th June: First Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Morning Prayer

14th June: Second Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Holy Communion

21st June: Third Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Informal Service with coffee afterwards

28th June Fourth Sunday After Trinity - 11.00a.m. Sung Eucharist

Contacts: Priest - Rev. Mary Foden Currie 01623 479838 Wardens – Penni Wells 01636 813491 – Briony Dickinson 01636 812569

Food Bank: There is a collection point in the Church porch. Very many thanks to all who contribute during these very difficult times.

Message from Rev. Mary

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and the lighter evenings.

In June the church remembers St. Barnabas, he had the gift of encouragement, he took young Mark under his wing when St. Paul 'threw a wobbly' as they say.

Let's thank God for all who encourage us and make us feel special.

16th June is the feast day of Richard, Bishop of Chichester; part of his prayer is: 'My Lord Jesus Christ, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen'

On June 17th we are in Halam school for their assembly, always an uplifting experience.

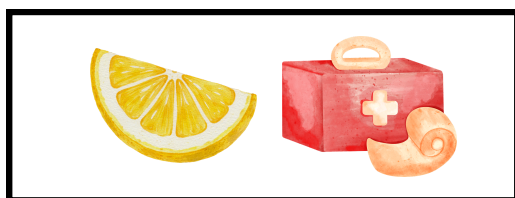
29th June is the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, we remember all who are ordained to ministry.

It is with sadness that we learn of the death of Mary Glazebrook; we extend our love and prayers to her husband, Peter and the family.

Thank you for all you do for one another and for our food bank. **Every blessing, Rev. Mary**

Dingbats

Last month's answers: "Ice Cube" / "Street Corner"



SHCRYAME



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Report for Halam News: Halam Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm on Thursday 14th May 2026 held at Halam Village Hall



Please Note: Official parish council minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next parish council meeting. Scan the QR code to link to the website.

Present: Chris Denyer (in the Chair), Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Ganesh Subramanian and Charlie Wright

Apologies: Catherine Blackburn and Chris Bevans

Election of Chair and Vice-chair

Chair – Chris Denyer

Vice-chair – Charlie Wright

Election of Other Duties

Councillor roles were discussed and it was agreed to review these further, at the next parish council meeting.

Christmas Charities – Simon Bust & Andrew Paris

Press – Andrew Paris

Transport – to be review

NALC representative – Chris Denyer

Snow/flood warden – Catherine Blackburn

Flag – Ganesh Subramanian

Crime reduction – Andrew Paris

HR committee – held over to next meeting

Internal Auditor – Mr Dixon

Andrew Paris to liaise with District Councillor Penny Rainbow regarding re-starting the Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) meetings. Inviting to local Beat Officer to a future meeting was also discussed.

Open Meeting: Nothing to report this month.

Finance

Agreed to pay: 1. village hall cleaners, 2. donation to Southwell First Responders (for CPR course held), 3. parish council insurance. A list of direct debits payable by the parish council was circulated. The Exemption Certificate for the end of year accounts was signed (smaller parish councils exempt from full audit)

Adoption and Reviews

Risk Assessments – financial and physical: village planters to be added to the risk assessments.

Asset Register

A proposal for a Health and Safety Policy – held over to next meeting

Village Hall

Maintenance schedule – gutters at rear of village hall need attention. Clerk to investigate.

The village hall panelling is to be installed at the end of the May and the painters are booked to follow on.

The shutter for the kitchen hatch is to be ordered.

Halam Village News

The editor has contacted to parish council to request help with funding next year when the present Village News fund will run out. It was agreed that the council would support the newsletter financially, but would encourage alternative funding from sponsorship, or advertising from local businesses.

Allotments

Andrew Paris has contacted the solicitor dealing with title registration but has not had a response so far.

Roads & Hedges

1. Replacement fingerpost at the crossroads – the design and cost of the replacement post was agreed, but funding from County Council Councillor Bruce Laughton is to be requested, Clerk to contact Cllr Laughton.

2. Traffic counter on Radley Road – Clerk to ask Cllr Laughton why this counter was put in place.

3. Parking outside No: 2 Radley Terrace – vehicles have been parked very close to the junction of Radley Road and the Turnpike. Clerk to contact the property owner to request more considerate parking.

Website: The Parish Council Website should be managed by the Clerk. Links to other organisations will be included as appropriate.

Lengthsman Scheme: The grant for the first year of the scheme has been received.

The contract for inclusion in this year's scheme was signed by the Chair. Proposals for allocating this money will be discussed at the next meeting.



Last year the grant was used to address flood damage by clearing vegetation and silt from under the railings alongside the Beck on the Turnpike and to re-instate the verge and footpath by the ford. Work was also carried out to clear some weeds and debris from the gutters along Radley Road. The grant is small but if you have a suggestion of work that could be then please contact the parish council.

East Midlands in Bloom

The Village has been entered for the EMIB competition. Judging will take place on Thursday 9th July – information will be circulated to residents. Judging includes an Award for ‘The Best Front Garden’ so residents can nominate theirs to be judged.

Biodiversity: Nothing to report this month

Planning: None this month

Planning Decisions: None this month

Item Raised at the Annual Parish Meeting: A parishioner raised the issue of vehicles speeding on Radley Road, especially around the blind corners near the Pumping Station. Clerk to write to the County Council Highways Safety Officer to enquire about introducing a 50mph speed limit on the road.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Members of the public are reminded that they are welcome to attend any parish council meeting to find out about the work of the council. There is an opportunity to raise issues with the parish council at the meeting during the open part of the meeting.



DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT MAY 2026 CLLR PENNY RAINBOW (Ward member for Southwell)



NEWARK CASTLE

Newark Castle is undergoing a dramatic transformation that will bring its 900 year story to life. These works are being made possible thanks to major investment from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Government's Town Fund and Newark and Sherwood District Council. Visitors will be able to explore inside rebuilt medieval rooms and galleries, use interactive displays and climb to a top tower viewing platform. A lift will provide access to the first floor.

Every detail has been considered to make the Castle more accessible, engaging, and inclusive for all. A multifunctional room with kitchen facilities is also being constructed to enable school visits, activities and plans are also under way to accommodate small wedding receptions. The Castle Victorian Gardens are also being restored and enhanced with a new lighting scheme which will also enable evening visits.

The special floodlights will illuminate the architecture, low level path lighting will ensure safe visits after dark. The space is also being created with wildlife in mind, a place where it can thrive. New wildlife planting will bring colour whilst providing food and wildlife habitats, a haven for biodiversity. Renovation works are due to be completed by the end of 2026. A grand opening is expected to take place during February 2027.

The entry fee has been set at £9, however, Newark and Sherwood area residents will pay half that price. 25yrs and under will receive free entry. Tickets are valid for repeat visits within a calendar year. The Civil War Centre on Appletongate will remain free of charge for Newark and Sherwood residents.

NEW CCTV SUITE

The new CCTV suite in Newark is now up and running, it has been introduced as part of Newark and Sherwood District Council's ongoing investment in public safety and crime prevention. Cameras were formally monitored from the police headquarters at Sherwood Lodge. Now, with a new dedicated facility and focused team, operators will monitor approximately 90 cameras within Newark, Southwell, Ollerton and surrounding communities. The upgraded facility is designed to support crime prevention, improve public safety and provide reassurance to residents by ensuring incidents can be responded to quickly and effectively.

CLLR PENNY RAINBOW Southwell Ward Member